

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Senate Journal
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WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2001

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Read and referred:

Senate Joint Resolution 31

Relating to: urging schools to improve the personal money management skills of high school students.

By Senators Grobschmidt, Erpenbach, Rosenzweig, Burke, Moore, Breske, Hansen, Roessler, Wirsch, Darling, Huelsman, S. Fitzgerald and Shibilski; cosponsored by Representatives Olsen, J. Lehman, Ryba, Ainsworth, Wasserman, Loeffelholz, Pocan, Jeskewitz, Hundertmark, Kestell, Wade, Ziegelbauer, La Fave, Albers, Sykora, Nass, Skindrud, Miller, Underheim, Ott, Pettis, Krawczyk, Johnsrud, Seratti, Hoven, Huber, Balow, Freese and Lippert.

To committee on **Education**.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 128

Relating to: requiring health insurance policies to cover contraceptive articles and services.

By Senators Moore, Plache, Burke, Rosenzweig, Risser, Erpenbach and George; cosponsored by Representatives Berceau, Richards, Johnsrud, Colon, Wasserman, Sinicki, Hebl, Schooff, Pocan, Young, Bock, Black, Carpenter, Krug, Miller, Turner, Boyle and Travis.

To committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Senate Bill 129

Relating to: contract authority of the department of corrections, prisoner access to personal information of persons who are not prisoners, requiring prisoners conducting telephone solicitations or answering toll-free telephone numbers to identify themselves as prisoners, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Erpenbach, Burke, Darling, Decker, Hansen and Harsdorf; cosponsored by Representatives Foti, Ziegelbauer, Schneider, Pocan, Ryba, Plouff, Musser, Turner, Staskunas, Pettis, Lassa, Berceau, Kreuser, Plale, Petrowski and Gunderson.

To committee on **Economic Development and Corrections**.

Senate Bill 130

Relating to: admission requirements for University of Wisconsin System institutions.

By Senators Grobschmidt, M. Meyer, Moore, Burke, Rosenzweig, Risser and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Wasserman, Urban, Berceau, Black, La Fave, M. Lehman, Morris–Tatum, Miller, Ryba, Schneider, Staskunas, Turner, Young, Huber and Plouff.

To committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**.

Senate Bill 131

Relating to: allowing an individual income tax deduction for certain amounts contributed by a grandparent to a college savings account or a college tuition and expenses program.

By Senators Grobschmidt, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Baumgart, Welch, Plache, Burke, Rosenzweig, Roessler, Moen, Risser, Harsdorf, Schultz, M. Meyer, Zien, Huelsman and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Kreibich, Plale, Musser, La Fave, Black, Urban, Richards, Ladwig, Huebsch, Rhoades, M. Lehman, Hahn, Boyle, J. Lehman, Townsend, Wade, Hundertmark, Lassa, Shilling, Gronemus, Freese, Krawczyk, Olsen, Petrowski, Jensen, Sykora, Albers, McCormick, Kreuser, Coggs, Suder, Gunderson, Ryba, Miller, Plouff, Young, Vrakas, D. Meyer, Grothman, Jeskewitz, Wasserman, Seratti, Montgomery, Balow, Powers, Hoven, Berceau, Huber, Nass, Pettis, Steinbrink, Skindrud, Owens, Leibham, Ott, Schneider, Walker and Turner.

To committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**.

Senate Bill 132

Relating to: changing the name of the state historical society.

By Senators Risser and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Freese and Berceau.

To committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**.

Senate Bill 133

Relating to: establishing a publicly financed health care system for residents of this state, creating the department of health planning and finance, health policy board, regional health councils, granting rule-making authority, and making appropriations.

By Senators Chvala, Decker, Burke and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Bock, Pocan, Carpenter, Young, Turner, Ryba, Miller, Morris–Tatum, Coggs, Boyle and Berceau.

To committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Senate Bill 134

Relating to: death benefits provided under the Wisconsin retirement system and making an appropriation.

By Senators Chvala, Erpenbach and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Ryba, Staskunas, Boyle and Berceau.

To joint survey committee on **Retirement Systems**.

Senate Bill 135

Relating to: disclosure of credit reports and providing a penalty.

By Senators Erpenbach, Burke, Risser, George, Darling and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, Ziegelbauer, Schneider, Young, Pocan, Bock, Musser, Wood, Turner, Miller, Balow, Cullen, J. Lehman, Berceau and Morris-Tatum.

To committee on **Privacy, Electronic Commerce and Financial Institutions**.

Senate Bill 136

Relating to: using accumulated unused sick leave credits and certain health insurance premium credits for the purchase of long-term care insurance for participants under the Wisconsin retirement system.

By Senators Risser, Grobschmidt, Roessler, Moen, Schultz and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Duff, Bock, Black, Turner, Musser, Ryba, J. Lehman, Seratti, Miller, Pettis, Plale, Skindrud and Berceau.

To committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**.

Senate Bill 137

Relating to: public financing of elections for certain state offices, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, providing a penalty, and making appropriations.

By Senator Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Pocan, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Carpenter, Coggs, La Fave, Miller, Ryba, Sinicki and Turner.

To committee on **Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform**.

Senate Bill 138

Relating to: the publication of notices relating to the creation of tax incremental financing districts.

By Senator Risser; cosponsored by Representative Berceau.

To committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**.

Senate Bill 139

Relating to: priorities, completion guidelines, and notices required for health care professional disciplinary cases; identification of health care professionals in possible need of investigation; additional public members for the medical examining board; authority of the medical examining board to limit credentials and impose forfeitures; reporting requirements for reports submitted to the national practitioner data bank; inclusion of health care professionals who practice alternative forms of health care on panels of health care experts established by the department of regulation and licensing; indication of therapeutic-related deaths on certificates of death; and providing a penalty.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Senate Bill 140

Relating to: making available to the public information on the education, practice and disciplinary history of physicians, requiring rules of the department of health and family services to include procedures affording health care providers opportunity to correct health care information, and granting rule-making authority.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Senate Bill 141

Relating to: inducing or causing self-mutilation by a child and providing a penalty.

By Senators Baumgart, Burke, Roessler and Huelsman; cosponsored by Representatives Kestell, Vrakas, Gunderson, Ryba, Powers, Jeskewitz, Leibham and Sykora.

To committee on **Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform**.

Senate Bill 142

Relating to: payment of the jail costs of a jailed debtor.

By Senators Erpenbach, Huelsman and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Powers, Jeskewitz, La Fave, Ainsworth, M. Lehman, Hundertmark, Albers, Olsen, Nass, Musser, D. Meyer, Townsend, Ward and Petrowski.

To committee on **Economic Development and Corrections**.

Senate Bill 143

Relating to: waiving the fee for deposit of a will.

By Senators Huelsman, Risser, Roessler, George and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Krawczyk, Staskunas, Hahn, Albers, Stone, Owens and Berceau.

To committee on **Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform**.

Senate Bill 144

Relating to: state purchase of a Justice Center building and granting bonding authority.

By Senators Risser, Roessler and M. Meyer; cosponsored by Representatives Hoven, Vrakas and Plale, by request of Governor Scott McCallum.

To committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Senate Organization

April 4, 2001

A request by Senator Meyer for an Opinion of the Attorney General relating to an interpretation of Section 13.04(4) of the Statutes as it relates to the level of compensation for Senator Farrow if she were to be confirmed as Lieutenant Governor.

Ayes (5): Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Panzer and Farrow

Noes (0): None

Senator Chuck Chvala
Chairperson

April 10, 2001

Dear Attorney General Doyle:

The Senate Committee on Organization has unanimously voted to request a formal Opinion of the Attorney General to clarify ss 13.04(4) as it relates to the compensation to be paid to the

Lieutenant Governor upon confirmation of the nominee by both houses of the Legislature.

The Committee on Organization received a request by the Senate Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Universities, Housing & Government Operations, Senator Mark Meyer to seek an Opinion of the Attorney General on this subject. In his request, Senator Meyer referred to a response he received from the Legislative Council Staff on this issue. A copy of the request letter is attached for your information.

The Senate will return to session on May 1, 2001. A response by this date would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

CHUCK CHVALA, Chair
Senate Committee on Organization

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

April 10, 2001

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed our evaluation of the Wisconsin Works program (W-2), as required by s. 49.141(2g)(a), Wis. Stats. This is the sixth and final report issued under that requirement.

W-2 is a time-limited employment assistance program administered by the Department of Workforce Development. It replaced cash entitlements provided to low-income families under Aid to Families with Dependent Children in September 1997. Through September 2000, W-2 program costs totaled \$710.4 million, of which 93.6 percent was spent by local public and private contractors for program services, benefits, and administration.

Implementation of W-2 has resulted in large declines in the number of individuals receiving cash assistance. From January 1998 through September 2000, cash assistance caseloads declined more than 50 percent, from 14,204 to 6,771 cases. However, the program's success in achieving economic self-sufficiency for participants has been mixed. Among 2,129 participants who left W-2 during the first three months of 1998, 1,377 filed 1999 Wisconsin tax returns. Of those who filed, 643, or 46.7 percent, had incomes above the federal poverty level when earned income credits were included. In addition, we found that 26.1 percent of those who left the program from January through March of 1998 had returned for cash assistance or other services by July 2000.

Before the start of a new contract period, which is scheduled to begin January 2002, the Department and the Legislature will need to consider challenges posed by returning participants and those with multiple or severe barriers to employment; how to best address the needs of those who are nearing time limits on program participation; and how to assist individuals who have entered the workforce in maintaining their employment, advancing, and raising themselves and their families out of poverty.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Department of Workforce Development and staff of the many W-2 agencies we contacted during the course of our review. The Department's response is Appendix 15.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board**

April 10, 2001

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2001 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us/>

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| Bailey, Nadine F | Timber Producers Association of Michigan & Wisconsin Inc |
| Benske, John | AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP |
| Blumenfeld, Michael | Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association |
| Elliott, Brian | Securities Industry Association |
| Peterson, Scott | AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP |
| Springer, Thomas J | Securities Industry Association |
| Stitt, Donald | Securities Industry Association |
| Thompson, Kelli | American Cancer Society |

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

ROTH JUDD
Director

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-149

Relating to fees required of agent cities and counties that license and inspect retail food establishments.

Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from Agency, April 5, 2001.

Referred to committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**, April 11, 2001.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-183

Relating to public warehouse keeper license fees.

Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from Agency, April 9, 2001.

Referred to committee on **Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform**, April 11, 2001.

SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Joint Resolution 27

Report correctly enrolled on March 28, 2001.

SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 7

Senate Joint Resolution 22

Senate Joint Resolution 26

Report correctly enrolled on April 4, 2001.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
CORRECTIONS**

CORRECTIONS IN:

2001 SENATE BILL 89

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(April 5, 2001)

1. Page 1, line 4: delete "counties" and substitute "countries".